Didur Scores Big Success As Hero in 'Boris Godunoff'

Setti.

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING. ORIS GODUNOFF." a Rus-

sian opera based upon an historical novel by Poushkin, was presented for the first time Italian. There was a crowded audience to hear it, which showed every ican first night audiences are proverbially generous. It does not follow that, because of last night's acclamation, the opera will prove so in act. much of a success that it will remain permanently in the repertory. A clever woman remarked to me, "How many of these people, applauding so rapturously, will come to hear the work again?" That will be the test. For my own part I must record that it is a work of striking originality with an appeal that is profoundly Dr. Burkhart Deplores the Unhappy moving. The wonder is that it has not been disclosed to us before. STORY TOLD IN EPISODIC THREE

ACTS OF EIGHT SCENES. The opera is in three acts, divided into eight scenes. Its development is episodic. A series of stage pirques tells the story in a disconnected manner. It is in brief that Boris, who has been regent under the imbecile son of Ivan the Terrible, when the latter dies, murders the imbecile's brother, Dimitri, the heir to the throne, and himself assumes the crown. Long after, when Boris is torn by remorse, a young monk, Gregory, hears of the crime from an elder monk, and, learning that he was of the same age as the murdered Dimitri, declares himself to be Dimitri and starts a revolution. Except for furnishing effective pictures, even this has little to do with the psychology of Boris. The end comes when Boris, told of the uprising of Dimitri, dies of apoplexy or sething like it while conscience Boris's son, Theodore, has little to do, and his daughter Xenia, etill less. Marina, the daughter of a Pelish noble, is drawn in merely to make a love scene with Dimitri. The other characters, many of them interin themselves, have only a remote connection with the main arguscenes and costumes were de-

signed by the Russian artist. Golovine. Opera in 1908. All of the settings, exteriors and interiors, are artistic. The would be more effective if they were not so palpably painted on canras and subject to swaying in draughts. It was a pity, for instance, to see the trees in the forest of Kromy-a pretty

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OF HIS ARTISTIC CAREER,
One thing Moussorgsky's opera has
done that will not soon be forgotten.
It has established Adamo Didur as an artist of high rank. His conception of in America at the Metropolitan Opwas distinguished; his singing was adare House by the first time Boris was remarkably good; his acting drinking monk with his wire about him. Probably entangled in some wreckage.

Opwas distinguished; his singing was adare House by the first time Boris was remarkably good; his acting did a capital bit of characterization. Primayes belonged to Lugano. era House last night. It was sung in mirable. With every temptation to posture and rant, he remained simple and unaffected, convincing by reason of his outward sign of enjoying it in his crime, the patriotism that imbued the highest degree. But Amerwhich he met the people, the austerity of his dealings with the nobles, and, above all, his devotion to his son were splendid y portrayed in voice as well as

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tenor-he is only twenty-three years He deserved all the laughs he got. been trained abroad, but here, by Oscar Saenger, disclosed a voice strong and flexible, a presence attractive and a confidence remarkable. Mr. Toscanini, it was said, had taken special pains to coach him for the part. At any rate, Mr. Althouse made a bit. Much may be and Keintle. coach him for the part. At any rate, cast were Reschiglian, Audisto, Mariani Mr. Althouse made a hit. Much may be and Kriedler.

INGLY IN A CRINOLINE.

Louise Homer hadn't much to do as held nothing else, but these choruses it Boris's son and heir, in her big boots too, the singers are effective. Their and acted well. Lenora Sparkes, as movements and their groupings might Xenia, Boris's lovesick daughter, sung have been directed by a David Belasco. with unaccustomed power as well as ADAMO DIDUR MAKES THE HIT beauty. Jeanne Maubourg. - accompished actress that she is, made the

De Segurola, as Varlage, the hard-

old-a native of New York who has not Reiss had little opportunity as the Sim-

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